

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 14 through page 14, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 4[[.]] is a flowchart depicting one post processing sequence that is consistent with the invention. A multi-channel audio signal initially arrives at a post processing system. At block 30, a decoder of the playback device matrix mixes the multi-channel audio signal. Matrix mixing, or matrixing, is the electrical mixing of two or more channels of sound to create one or more new ones. Functionally, the decoder compares the number of channels associated with the input signal to the number of output channels available on the playback system. If a disparity is detected, then the input channel is appropriately processed so that the number of input and output channels are consistent.